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SUBJECT: CEASEFIRE HOLDS

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1. ONE PROTESTANT MILKMAN ON ROUNDS COUNTY TYRONE KILLED BY GUNFIRE FORENOON FEB. 11 IN APPARENT RETALIATION FOR POMEROY MACHINE GUNNING PREVIOUS NIGHT. WITH THIS EXCEPTION CEASEFIRE HELD THROUGH FEB. 11. SECSTATE REES STATEMENT COMMONS FEB. 11 MET WITH GENERAL APPROVAL NORTHERN IRELAND. FOUR ASPECTS STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTED LOCALLY: (A) ASSURANCES THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SELLOUT OF EITHER SIDE, (B) THERE NO RPT NO SIGNED AGREEMENT (C) SECTARIAN KILLINGS MUST STOP AND (D) "INCIDENT CENTERS" MANNED BY CIVIL SERVANTS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO OVERSEE CEASEFIRE. IT LEARNED FEB. 12 PARALLEL CENTERS WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN. THERE WILL BE LIAISON BETWEEN CENTERS AND CIVIL SERVANTS WILL HAVE HOTLINE TO SECRETARY STATE. SINN FEIN ORGANIZER SEAMUS LOUGHRAN APPARENTLY WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN CEASEFIRE ARRANGEMENTS.

2. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, UNIONISTS WELCOMED ELECTION

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MRS. THATCHER TO LEADERSHIP CONSERVATIVE PARTY AND PREDICTED

UNIONISTS WOULD SOON RESUME HISTORICAL TIES TO CONSERVATIVE
PARTY INTERRUPTED DURING PERIOD HEATH LEADERSHIP.

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